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*In re* Application of:  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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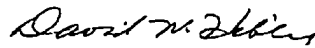
Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on June 26, 2007, in the above-referenced application. Applicants respectfully Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) of three months, to and including December 26, 2007, in the present case. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the fee as required under

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37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365,  
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